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REQUEST FOR EXPLANATION FOR PTO FAILURE TO RESPOND TO APPLICANTS' APRIL 9, 2003 "RENEWED REQUEST TO CORRECT PTO RECORDS, AND RE-SET RESPONSE DATE"

Sir:

Applicants' counsel filed a Request to Re-set the response date herein on April 9, 2003. Applicants' counsel pointed out that the Patent Office mailed the March 26, 2003 Office Action to the wrong law firm. Applicants earlier revoked all of the powers granted to the former law firm (Pillsbury Winthrop, LLP) and their Assignee appointed the undersigned and plus the attorneys associated with the customer no. 22242:

(1) Revocation and Power filed January 25, 2002; (2) Re-fil; ed on July 31, 2002; (3) cited to the PTO in the January 16, 2003 Amendment, page 3, last paragraph; and (4) cited for a fourth time to the PTO on April 9, 2003.

This is now the <u>fifth</u> request to the PTO to correct records. It would be greatly appreciated if the Patent Office would correct its records to ensure that official correspondence is directed to the proper, lawful and duly appointed counsel of record in this application.

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The favor of a reply to the undersigned at the fax number hereinbelow is earnestly, but respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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